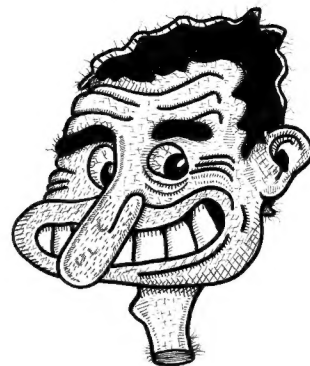




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A RADIO SHOW IN PRINT



SPARKS

I collect Sparks records. But I'm not entirely convinced I even really like them. In the pantheon of 70s and 80s proto through post punk they don't stand head and shoulders above anyone. More often than not when I find a single of theirs deep in the cheap bin, it's because it's a stinker and belongs in the cheap bin.

If you are familiar with Sparks you can skip this paragraph, but those who aren't. Sparks are two American brothers, with various collaborators who didn't quite make it in the music business in the early 70s and moved to London where they had much more success. The music meanders through glam, camp, new wave and even disco. They have been a band since 1972 and continue to release music to this day.

Overall I think it's visually the concepts the band employs that interests me. It feels very far from the world I usually operate in - but employs a lot of humour which I love.

Favourite Sparks Tracks:

Amateur Hour - kind of romping like a Toy Dolls song, and maybe that's where they got their thing from.

I Predict - feels like the funny brother to a popular Talking Heads song. Overall I think Angst in my Pants is the best Sparks record.

Number 1 song in heaven - sitting in a dark disgusting pit between disco and new wave this track always makes me happy.

MEN'S INTEREST

While I prefer the demo over the 7" (same songs) - and maybe I'm 12 - 15 years late on writing this, but that's the beauty of doing a radio show is that you can dig into things you liked years ago and resurrect your love for it. I want to remind people to go back to listen to this if you have forgotten about it, or check it out if you have no idea what I'm even trying to talk about, and if you want a reference point it's members of Cold Sweat, Mind Eraser, Boston Strangler, Waste Management.

COLD MEAT

In 2020 Cold Meat released hot and Flustered, the music is 8/10 - but the art work by Jennifer Calandra is amazing - it compliments the humour and sound perfectly. I love when that happens. I realise I don't know enough about Australian music, but I did really like Eddy Current Suppression Ring.

Society Suckers was a radio show on MNH Radio out of Copenhagen from 2018-2020, the archive exist on mixcloud.com Never Not Fanzine had 1 official issue and many subsidiaries. this is one of them.

Please get in touch if you want a postcard or something?

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I'm serious let's trade drawings!

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Damned - Problem Child

Crisis - On TV

Violators - NY Ripper

Ivy Green - Every Day the Same

Penetrators - Firing Squad

Negative Gain - Night Stalker

Exotica - Depression / Passive Victim

Nihilistics - No Friends

Agression - Stop the Clock

Ami Petersen's Army - Skate Eller do

FUs - Civil Defense

Chaos Generation - No Hope

Misfits - Hatebreeders

NY Wolfpack - Bustin'

Big Boys - Fight Back

Righteous Jams - Scream and Shout

Black Flag - Machine

Take Offense - Guilt Free

Arms Race - mongrel crew

Illusion - behind the mask

No Tolerance - You walk alone

Sunstroke - Richard Spencer

Spike in Vain - Means to an End

The Proletariat - Voodoo Economics

Liliput - When the Cat's Away...

Hologram - Mirroring

Ramones - Baby I Love You

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